

Appl. No. 09/481,640
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 2, 3, 10 and 14-16 are now in the application and are subject to examination. No claims have been amended. Claims 14-16 have been added and claims 1, 4-9 and 11-13 are all now canceled.

Regarding the present status of the claims:

On the Office Action Summary page of the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that claims 2, 3 and 10 are allowed.

All of the rejected and withdrawn claims have been canceled.

Claims 14-16 have been amended to call for a dancer roller for compensating for variations in length of the ribbon. The subject matter of claims 14-16 is supported in previous claims 1, 8, 9 and 11, for example. Since new claims 14-16 are each dependent on a respective one of allowed claims 2, 3 and 10, they should be allowable as well.

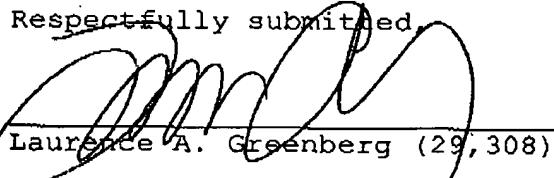
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In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 2, 3, 10 and 14-16 are solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate receiving a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Any extension fee associated therewith should be charged to Deposit Account Number 12-1099 of Lerner Greenberg Stemer LLP.

Please charge any other fees that might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account Number 12-1099 of Lerner Greenberg Stemer LLP.

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